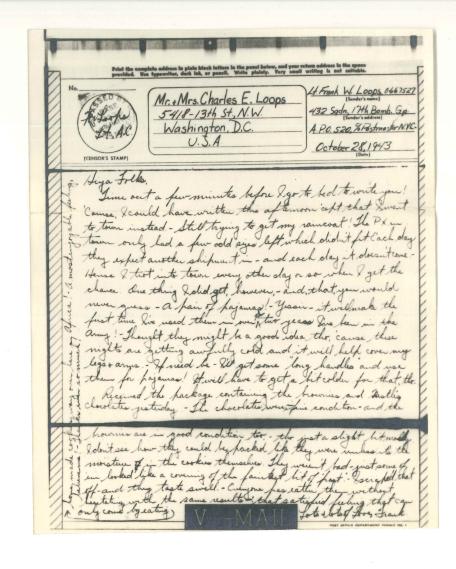
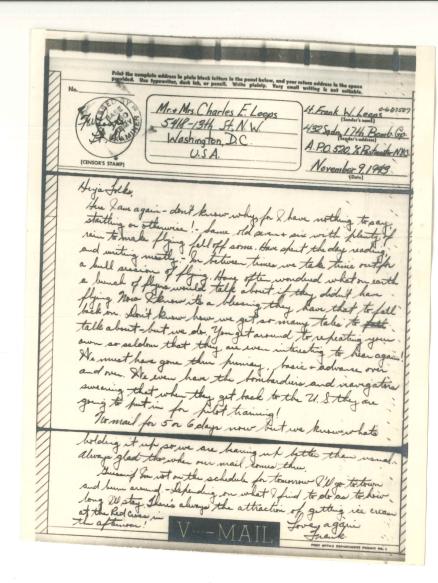
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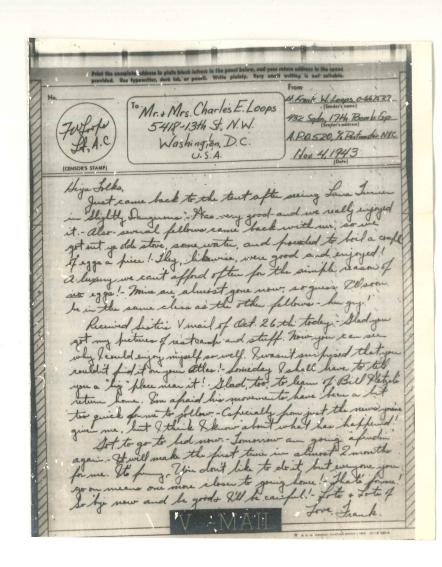


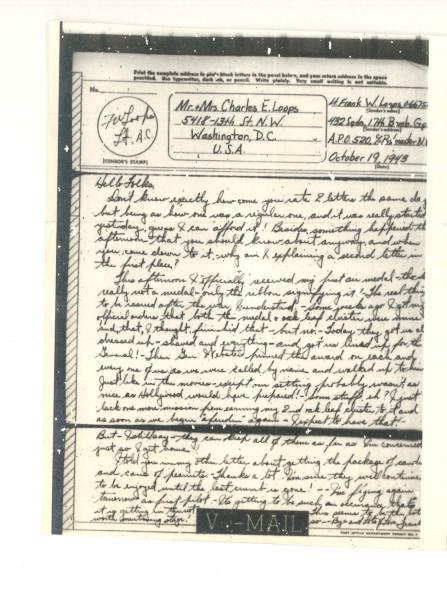
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A. P.O. 520, % Postmstr. N.V.C. October 25,1943 Hello Folks, -Surprised to see air mail paper? no telling what you might find for awhile !- You see, The inherited quite a bit of miscellaneous (?) "crap" from these fellows that have gone home - among them - "writing paper" as you can see !-I got a pair of golasher from Fitz when he left, so I'm all set for these rainy days ahead that every one says we will get - In fact with the acquisition of a little gasoline pressure stone (like a blow touch) and a rain coat with a line and all. I'll have just about everything except one of these super deling bedrollo the army issued for awhile. Some day I'll even manage one of them, Thope! - Surely you've seen or read discriptions of in with subber mathesses that blow

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up and everything. The rain coat I'm going to get tomorrow if I can get to town. - Has in for it the to be a new supply in stock tomorrow so that's the why of getting in tonorrow. I believe I described it to you before didn't 2? - It has a heavy removable living with a parka affair that pulls over the head and by the time it's all laced and buttoned up-onlygour eyes are exposed to the elements! Thave a regular G.I. one I bought, but the other will be much better if I have to be out much in the weather Besides if it has to be done-it will make a passable top coat if Sever need one- the Solon't expect to be where I'll need such a thing for social functions and such . Just another selling point. (You can see In still trying to sell myself on the coat.)

Litepatrick + May Shields left for "home" yesterday. That happy men.

They didn't want for orches on how to go. - Just as soon as they got the orders relieving them from duty over here and telling them to report to the U.S. - our again furnished them a ride to a timinal front - From there they will hitch a ride probably by place - but puhaps by boat - Had they waited thavel or ders' it would have taken them at least 10 days or 2 weeks more to get started. - Smagine hetch hiking home from africa! I told them - as Tive told others - that if they should happen to go by or have to report to D.C. - to be sure and look you all up- or at least telephone. - Sin sure they will if not the others, cause Fity, as Two said - was fretty close to I wrote Joe a letter the other day and enclosed most of my negatives had on my voll of films - I'll put the rest in here - and then you will have all I can send you of that roll. My next, one - the roll of rest camp, is all finished but needs to be express processed. as Capit Hahr is my agent for having my work

done - and he is away at present, that one will have to wait - Should be some good pictures on it. Dee - a cold front has been trying to move in all day - and now it is here. The weid isn't so much now - but the ram is settling clown like it means business. a good night for sleeping. - Jalk about your ratio on a time roof, - have you ever heard at on a tent? That has sleeping qualities Hent on a ferrying trip a few days ago - Jook a place to a training base back in africa (Imean further back!) Has supposed to be picked up at that field by another place and be brought back here but somehow the time didn't work out. X had to litel a ride to another field where another plane was and come home with them - You should have seen my engineer, copilot & myself standing along the roadway with our parachutter - thumbing G.I. trucks as they passed! - all connections were made, however, and we got back in time for driver (or should & say supple?) "checked out" copilet - we take turns being first filet and am sure that the next time

the opportunity presents itself - First be given a new and ship all of myown. - However, the freeent arrangements are swell- as we can both show the responsibility - and we have a good time. This is one of the old fellows in the Sqd - waned Harry Foster and home in Indianafolis He used to be a plannant / A hat given people fly airplanes! Sorry to hear of Bill Hetzel being shot down - but glad he survived it all O.K. Stake it that pince his folks heard from him, he is a pisioner of war ? - Thurw they are glad its no worse. Fity had a bad break about I weeks ago. - His brother was shot down over every tiriting - but the other ships saw all the "chutter" open up, so he is sure his brother is at least a prisoner of war - He hopes maybe be could have hold up "and made his way back to friendly lines - That happens every day - but sometimes it takes months for whother to go them. Hell, the rain has put every me else in the tent asleep, so guess I can't hold out much longer - I got up before six this somming and went flying so am sorta mady, for iye olde hed - Things like sleep sortai slip up on one every so often!

Hope the mail picks up. For some

Veral from Sister today - the first of any south today - the first of any south and to be much coming in for anyone.

Seems like there was something else?

worted to say - but maybe hard think of it must think of it suit think of it suit think of it suit think. So for war - let's grist say

Sinte and Stot Soto of Love from

Frank

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